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think, that brought us to today was the fact that in my ongoing conversations with the Department of Education, and appreciating all the time and the effort they've put in on working towards this, but in the end they were asking us to mandate the test and provide the funding and with very little detail. Now, working out the details of what the tests should cover probably is an appropriate function of the Department of Education or the State Board. The problem is when I stand up here and try to explain to you why we're spending \$3.4 million, and I can't give you the details, that's very difficult for you to vote yes when your school districts, when they find out the details, perhaps are not going to be very happy. That's what brought me to the solution today. I think that the Department of Education has to take this time over the interim to go out. And, I know the commissioner's been working on it, but I'm just absolutely certain there are teachers across the state who have no idea or clue that they are going to be developing tests and possibly norming that test to the standards. I think it's very, very important that everyone has as much understanding as possible as to the direction the State Board wants to go, and then we can see what kind of a buy-in we have. I...this does leave the money for the report card, and, as we've said, it could include a number of things--teachers salary. I think people are interested, what's my school...what's the average teaching salary in my school compared to the statewide average? Test scores, days of absence by students and teachers, administrators' salary, I think people are interested in knowing that kind of information. I believe that's what taxpayers want to understand. We know that people across the state of Nebraska have great support for public schools. As we spend their dollars, I think they want the accountability that could be given to them in this report card, and hopefully, by next session, we will have a better understanding of what is a very complex, difficult assessment that the Department of Education wishes to move on. And we will eventually come to a decision. And, after the proper amount of time and briefing, perhaps there will be buy-in across the state from school districts on doing the multiple tests. One thing that I had discussed with a number of people that might be, and, Senator Beutler, you may be interested in this idea, is wonder if we did a random sampling in the state of Nebraska, much like some of the national testing companies do, where we wouldn't have to test every fourth